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SUBJECT: VISIT OF HFAC STAFFDEL

REF: (A) TEL AVIV 19512 (B) STATE 271468

1. THIS IS A JOINT EMBASSY/CONGEN MESSAGE.
2. EMBASSY/CONGEN URGE THAT STAFFDEL CONSIDER A MODEST EXTENSION OF THEIR STAY HERE, TO ALLOW TIME FOR TWO MATTERS FOR WHICH THERE WAS NO TIME AVAILABLE IN THE DRAFT SCHEDULE CONTAINED REFTEL (A).
 - A. WE UNDERSTAND THAT GEORGE BURDES PLAYED A KEY ROLE IN THE CONGRESSIONAL INVESTIGATION CONCERNING THE JONESTOWN TRAGEDY. EMBASSY TEL AVIV IN PARTICULAR WOULD FIND IT EXTREMELY USEFUL IF BURDES COULD STAY AT LEAST ONE ADDITIONAL DAY FOR CONSULTATIONS ON THE BLACK HEBREW COMMUNITY, SPECIFICALLY TO DISCUSS KEY PARALLELS WITH THE BLACK HEBREWS, HOW TO IMPROVE COMMUNICATIONS ON THIS ISSUE WITH CONGRESSMEN, AND COURSES OF ACTION SUGGESTED BY HIS OWN EXPERIENCE.
 - B. STAFFDEL REQUESTED TIME FOR A TOUR OF THE WEST BANK. EVEN WITH THE TIGHTEST POSSIBLE SCHEDULE, WE FOUND IT DIFFICULT TO MEET THE REQUESTS CONTAINED IN REFTEL (B) AND STILL PROVIDE TIME FOR ANYTHING MORE THAN A CURSORY LOOK AT THE IMMEDIATE ENVIRONS OF JERUSALEM. WHILE THE FOCUS OF THIS PARTICULAR TRIP IS NOT ON THE WEST BANK, THE SITUATION THERE WILL CLEARLY HAVE A LARGE IMPACT ON MANY OF THE MIDDLE EAST ISSUES THAT WILL FACE THE COMMITTEE STAFF IN COMING MONTHS. WE BELIEVE A HALF DAY OR MORE SPENT VISITING KEY AREAS (AND TALKING WITH KEY INDIVIDUALS) OF THE WEST BANK WOULD BE AN EXCELLENT INVESTMENT OF STAFFDEL'S LIMITED TIME.
3. IDEALLY, STAFFDEL WOULD ADDRESS BOTH THESE INTERESTS THE MORNING OF WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 12, AND DEPART FOR LONDON THAT AFTERNOON, OVERNIGHTING IN LONDON AS PLANNED AND CONTINUING ON TO THEIR RESPECTIVE DESTINATIONS THE FOLLOWING DAY. WHILE NO FLIGHT EXISTS THAT WOULD ACCOMPLISH THIS, STAFFDEL COULD DEPART BEN GURION ON THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 13 ON EL AL 315 (DEPARTING BEN GURION 0900, ARRIVING LONDON 1210) AND STILL MAKE A CONVENIENT TRANSFER TO THEIR RESPECTIVE FLIGHTS TO WASHINGTON AND COPENHAGEN.
4. PLEASE ADVISE. GROVE

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